

Application No. 10/786,371

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

In recapitulation, there has been provided a drop emitting apparatus including an ink jet printhead; a plurality of on-board ink reservoirs for supplying ink to the ink jet printhead; a plurality of remote ink containers; a plurality of ink supply conduits fluidically connected between the remote ink containers and the on-board ink reservoirs; a common air vent, connected to each one of said plurality of remote ink containers, for venting each one of said plurality of remote ink containers as ink is supplied to the on-board ink reservoirs from said remote ink containers. The drop emitting apparatus further includes a plurality of ink vent lines connected to said common air vent, wherein each one of said ink vent lines is connected and associated to one of said plurality of remote ink containers. And, wherein the plurality of remote ink containers, the common air vent ~~conduit~~ and the plurality of ink vent lines are formed as an integral structure. Each one of said plurality of ink vent lines are routed to said common air vent in maze type configuration. The on-board ink reservoir is ink fill and venting is accomplished through one multi-ported connection on the back. There is no need for ink fill buckets or to leave any room on the top or bottom of the reservoir for ink loading. The vent connection is common to all four colors to minimize the number of vent lines needed. Internal to the reservoir, routing of the ink and vent lines is done in such a way as to not allow ink color mixing under a fairly large range of head motion and angles. There is also an allowance for slight overfilling of ink channels without ink mixing.